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SUBJECT: SUBWAY TO BE BUILT UNDER SINGLE CONTRACT

FOR COMMERCE

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SUMMARY. THE HKG HAS ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO LET ONE MULTI-PHASE CONTRACT TO ONE CONSORTIUM RATHER THAN TO SPLIT IT UP

INTO MANY CONTRACTS EACH LET SEPARATELY. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOUR PRINCIPLE JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN CONSORTIA WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ONE IS SELECTED. WHILE NO U.S. CONSORTIUM COMPETED FOR THE MULTI-PHASE CONTRACT, HOPEFULLY SOME INDIVIDUAL U.S. FIRMS MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUB-CONTRACTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCED AUGUST 1, THAT THE HKG HAD DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO ADOPT A SINGLE-CONTRACT APPROACH IN CARRYING OUT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROJECT. A CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED, HE SAID, TO ONE CONSORTIUM SELECTED BY COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION FOR THE COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE FIRST FOUR STAGE OF THE PROJECT. WHILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CONSORTIA CONTINUE, PREPARATORY WORK (ORGANIZATION, ENGINEERING RESEARCH, ETC.) WILL CONTINUE. AS SOON AS THE SUCCESSFUL CONSORTIUM IS KNOWN, THE PARTY CONCERNED WOULD BE ASKED TO BRING IN ENGINEERS AND EQUIPMENT EVEN WHILE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FINAL CONTRACT WERE BEING DRAWN UP. HE PREDICTED THAT CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN IN EARLY PART OF THE SECOND HALF OF 1974.

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2. THE FOUR PRINCIPLE CONSORTIA IN THE RUNNING ARE
MITSUBISHI - JARDINES, BRITISH GENERAL ELECTRIC - HUTCHISONS,
THE ANGLO FRENCH GERMAN HONGKONG METRO CONSTRUCTORS - ZUNG
FU, AND THE ITALIAN GROUP, INTER METRO. COMMERCE MAY WISH
TO BRING THE AUGUST 1 ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
U.S. FIRMS WHICH HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN VARIOUS PHASES
OF THIS PROJECT (KAISER, BECHTEL, LTV, ROHR AND G.E.). HOPE-
FULLY THEY MAY BE ABLE TO WIN SUB-CONTRACTS FROM THE WINNING
CONSORTIUM.
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